

**POLYVINYL ALCOHOL MICROSPHERES,  
AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND THERAPEUTIC USES OF THE SAME**

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to microspheres  
5 useful for embolization which comprises polyvinylalcohol.  
The present invention also relates to an injectable  
suspension suitable for embolization which comprises the  
polyvinylalcohol microspheres and a suitable liquid carrier.  
The present invention further relates to a method for  
prophylactic or therapeutic embolization which comprises  
10 administering to a mammal an injectable suspension containing  
the polyvinylalcohol microspheres and a suitable liquid  
carrier. Finally, the present invention relates to a process  
for producing the polyvinylalcohol microspheres.

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